

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Pat Ingraham, on January 17, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Rep. Pat Ingraham, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Gerald (Jerry) Bennett, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Rep. Joanne G. Blyton (R)  
Rep. Pat Connell (R)  
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)  
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)  
Rep. Douglas (Doug) Kary (R)  
Rep. Dan Kennedy (R)  
Rep. James Knox (R)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Frank Smith (D)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch  
Tim Stark, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 113, 1/13/2011; HB 134, 1/13/2011; HB 135, 1/13/2011

**Chairwoman Welcome:**

00:00:03 Rep. Pat Ingraham  
00:03:29 Sheri Scurr, Legislative Services  
[EXHIBIT\(sth12a01\)](#) \_

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**HEARING ON HB 113**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:50 Rep. Jesse O'Hara (R), HD 18, opened the hearing on HB 113, Increase the university supplemental contribution rate.  
  
00:04:07 Rep. Gary MacLaren entered the room.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:05:28 David Senn, Montana Teacher Retirement System (MTRS)  
[EXHIBIT\(sth12a02\)](#)  
  
00:11:13 Eric Feavor, Montana Education Association & Montana Federation of Teachers (MEA-MFT)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

00:16:24 Frieda Houser, Montana University System (MUS)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:17:20 Rep. Derek Skees  
00:17:49 Fritta Houser  
00:18:18 Rep. James Knox  
00:18:45 Frieda Houser  
00:18:58 Rep. James Knox  
00:19:07 Rep. Jesse O'Hara  
00:19:31 David Senn  
00:20:30 Rep. Franke Wilmer  
00:21:41 Eric Feavor  
00:23:04 Rep. Franke Wilmer  
00:23:26 Eric Feavor  
00:23:52 Rep. Joanne Blyton  
00:24:40 David Senn  
00:27:16 Rep. Dan Kennedy  
00:27:47 David Senn  
00:28:32 Rep. Dan Kennedy  
00:29:15 Eric Feavor  
00:30:08 Rep. Dan Kennedy

00:30:17 Eric Feavor  
00:31:15 Rep. Betsy Hands  
00:33:02 Rep. Derek Skees  
00:33:52 David Senn  
00:36:07 Rep. Pat Ingraham  
00:36:43 Rep. Derek Skees  
00:37:18 David Senn  
00:37:51 Rep. Gordon Hendrick  
00:38:53 David Senn  
00:39:11 Frieda Houser  
00:39:33 Rep. Betsy Hands left the room.  
00:40:06 Rep. James Knox  
00:40:25 Frieda Houser  
00:40:49 Rep. James Knox  
00:40:58 Frieda Houser

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:41:30 Rep. Jesse O'Hara

**HEARING ON HB 134**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:42:53 Rep. Carolyn Squires (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 134, Provide benefit and funding changes to game wardens/peace officers retirement.  
  
00:43:54 Rep. Gary MacLaren left the room.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:47:38 George Golie, Montana Game Warden Association  
00:48:30 Eric Feavor  
00:50:00 Mike O'Connor, Montana Public Employee Retirement System (MPERA)  
00:57:38 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employee Association (MPEA)  
01:00:36 Rep. Betsy Hands entered the room.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:01:22 Rep. Derek Skees  
01:02:00 Mike O'Connor  
01:02:49 Rep. Derek Skees  
01:03:01 Mike O'Connor  
01:03:14 Rep. Pat Connell  
01:03:43 Mike O'Connor

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:04:30 Rep. Carolyn Squires

**HEARING ON HB 135**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:08:36 Rep. Carolyn Squires (D), HD 96, opened the hearing on HB 135, Provide benefit and funding changes to sheriffs retirement system.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:11:46 Mike O'Connor

01:17:11 Tom Schneider

**Opponents' Testimony:**

01:19:12 Jim Smith, Montana Sheriffs Association (MSPOA)

01:23:49 Leo Dutton, Sheriff Lewis & Clark County

01:26:04 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:31:28 Rep. Pat Connell

01:32:11 Rep. Pat Ingraham

01:33:17 Rep. Carolyn Squires

01:34:01 Mike O'Connor

01:34:51 Rep. Pat Ingraham

01:35:37 Rep. Carolyn Squires

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:35:55 Rep. Carolyn Squires

**Committee Business:**

01:37:51 Rep. Betsy Hands

01:39:48 Rep. Gordon Hendrick

01:39:57 Rep. Pat Ingraham

**ADJOURNMENT**

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01:40:46

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Tim Stark, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sth12aad.pdf](#))